

SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 19, 2006

FORMER RIDGEVILLE POLICE OFFICER ARRESTED

A former Ridgeville Police Officer was arrested by SLED agents on Monday, June 19, 2006, and charged with **Breach of Trust and Misconduct in Office**.

The former officer is identified as **Christopher John Nuss**, 31, of 104 Lilac Drive, Summerville, South Carolina. He was arrested on Monday afternoon at approximately 2:30 p.m. and was booked at the Dorchester County Detention Center.

The arrest is a result of an investigation conducted by SLED at the request of the Town of Ridgeville. The case will be prosecuted by the 1st Circuit Solicitor's Office.

* Warrant Attached.

ARREST WARRANT

K- 114341

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
DORCHESTERTHE STATE
against

NUSS, CHRISTOPHER JOHN

Address: 104 LILAC DR.
SUMMERVILLE SC 29483-0000Phone: _____ SSN: _____
Sex: M Race: W Height: 5-11 Weight: 255
DL State: SC DL #: _____
DOB: 1/02/1975 Agency ORI#: SLED
Prosecuting Agency: SLED
Prosecuting Officer: WILLIAMS, SA DAVID
Offense: MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE
Offense Code: _____
Code/Ordinance Sec. 8-1-80This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the
☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of _____
The accused
is to be arrested and brought before me to be
dealt with according to law._____
Signature of Judge (L.S.)

Date: _____

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to
defendant _____
on __________
Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of)
DORCHESTER)

AFFIDAVIT

Form Approved by
S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCGA 618Personally appeared before me the affiant WILLIAMS, SA DAVID who
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant NUSS, CHRISTOPHER JOHN
did within this county and state on Between 4/15/2005 - June 15, 2005 violate the criminal laws of the
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of _____)
in the following particulars: VIOLATION SECTION 8-1-80 OF SC CODE OF LAWS
DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: MISCONDUCT IN OFFICEI further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit
the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

ALL OF WHICH IS AGAINST THE PEACE AND DIGNITY OF THE STATE
OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND WILL BE MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE 1976
CODE OF LAW. Signature of Affiant David Williams

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of)
DORCHESTER)Affiant's Address 6435 Fain St. Suite A
N. Charleston, SC
Affiant's Telephone (843) 569-7593

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that
on Between 4/15/2005 and June 15, 2005 defendant NUSS, CHRISTOPHER JOHN
did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of
☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of _____) as set forth below:DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: VIOLATION SECTION 8-1-80 OF SC CODE OF LAWS
MISCONDUCT IN OFFICEHaving found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said
defendant and bring him or her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to
the defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.Sworn to and subscribed before me)
on 6-15-06)_____
Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)Judge Code: 007Judge's Address 212 Deming Way, Box 10
Summerville SC 29483-0000Judge's Telephone (843) 832-0370Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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SLED LOW COUNTRY

K-114342

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

AFFIDAVIT

COUNTY OF DORCHESTER
CITY OFOCA# 31060027
INV.

Personally appeared before me, a magistrate of this County, one
S/A DAVID WILLIAMS (SLED)
who first being duly sworn, deposes and says that (name of the defendant)
CHRISTOPHER JOHN NUSS

did within this County and State between the dates of April 15- June 15,
2005, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE
BREACH OF TRUST
VIOLATION OF SECTION 16-13-230

The affiant states there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime(s) set forth, and that such probable cause is based on the following facts:
Between April 15, 2005 and June 15, 2005, the above named defendant, Christopher John Nuss, did knowingly and willfully take, with the intent to permanently deprive the Ridgeville Police Department of the following items: four firearms and a portable Global Positioning System belonging to the Ridgeville Police Department, which were entrusted to him as an officer of the Ridgeville Police Department. The defendant also did knowingly and willfully create a fraudulent Ridgeville Police Department equipment inventory, which he presented to Mayor James Williams as being true and factual. The items are further described as a Glock Model 27, 40 caliber pistol, serial # CTW623US, as a Ruger Model P89, 9 mm, serial # 310-64735, a Stevens Model 77E, 12 gauge, serial # 48391, a Stevens Model 77E, 12 gauge, serial # 48543, and a Garmin Model eTrex Legend GPS, serial # 85104202. The defendant, Christopher John Nuss, gave a statement admitting to the above. Nuss was terminated from the Ridgeville Police Department in January 2006 and did not return the items upon his separation.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me



Agent David Williams

this 15 day of June
2006.

(AFFIANT)

Address: 6435 Fain Street, Suite A

N. Charleston, S.C. _____
Phone: (843) 569-7593


Signature of Judge

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Prosecuting Agency: SLED
Prosecuting Officer: WILLIAMS, SA DAVID
Offense: BREACH OF TRUST WITH FRAUD
ULENT INTENT <\$1
Offense Code: 1185
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Signature of Judge

(L.S.)

Date:

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: BREACH OF TRUST WITH FRAUDULENT INTENT <
\$1,000I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit
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on 6-15-06

Signature of Issuing Judge

Judge Code: 007

Judge's Address

212 Deming Way, Box 10

Summerville SC 29483-0000

Judge's Telephone

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Issuing Court:

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AFFIDAVIT

COUNTY OF DORCHESTER

CITY OF

OCA# 31060027

Personally appeared before me, a magistrate of this County, one S/A David Williams (SLED)
who first being duly sworn, deposes and says that **CHRISTOPHER JOHN NUSS**

did within this County and State between April 15, 2005 and June 15,
2005, violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina in the following particulars:

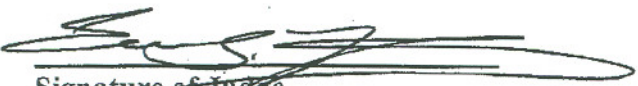
DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE
Misconduct in Office
VIOLATION OF SECTION
COMMON LAW

The affiant states there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime(s) set forth, and that such probable cause is based on the following facts:

That on or about April 15, 2005 and June 15, 2005, while employed as a Police Officer at the Ridgeville Police Department, located in the City of Ridgeville, County of Dorchester, State of South Carolina, the aforesaid, one Christopher John Nuss did commit the offense of **Misconduct in Office**, in violation of the **Common Law**, of South Carolina. In that he did willfully and unlawfully commit **Misconduct in Office** while on duty and while employed as a police officer by the Ridgeville Police Department fail to properly and faithfully discharge the duties imposed on him by law. The facts to establish the aforesaid are that between the above dates and at the above location, the defendant did Between April 15, 2005 and June 15, 2005, the above named defendant, Christopher John Nuss, did knowingly and willfully take, with the intent to permanently deprive the Ridgeville Police Department of the following items: four firearms and a portable Global Positioning System belonging to the Ridgeville Police Department. The defendant also did knowingly and willfully create a fraudulent Ridgeville Police Department equipment inventory, which he presented to Mayor James Williams as being true and factual. The items are further described as a Glock Model 27, 40 caliber pistol, serial # CTW623US, as a Ruger Model P89, 9 mm, serial # 310-64735, a Stevens Model 77E, 12 gauge, serial # 48391, a Stevens Model 77E, 12 gauge, serial # 48543, and a Garmin Model eTrex Legend GPS, serial # 85104202. The defendant, Christopher John Nuss, gave a statement admitting to the above. Nuss was terminated from the Ridgeville Police Department in January 2006 and did not return the items upon his separation.

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